

Matthew 22: 15-22



STOCKBRIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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PREPARE YOUR HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

PLEASE SILENCE ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES DURING WORSHIP

SETTING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

I Have Decided To Follow Jesus

Rogers

CHIMING

CALL TO WORSHIP

Gene Ingram

One: People tremble and a tremor runs through the whole earth when confronted with the great and majestic power of God.

Many: We praise God's great and holy name.

One: God's love for the world is revealed in acts of justice and righteousness.

We bow down before God's holy presence. God heard and answered the cries of Moses and Aaron and Samuel,

Many: who experienced God's righteousness as both judgment and grace.

One: God's word of judgment and grace comes to us still, not in a pillar of cloud, but through the person of Jesus Christ.

All: We praise God for the Word made flesh present among us, full of grace and truth.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING THE PEACE

HYMN OF PRAISE

#81 We Gather Together

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we confess that we have not been the faithful disciples you call us to be. We have not remembered who we are. We are distracted by glittering gold. We are mesmerized by fame and fortune. We turn a blind eye to systems that perpetuate injustice. We fail to hear the cries for mercy of those who bear unfair burdens. We close our hearts and imagine empathy to be weakness.

Forgive us Lord. Remind us that we are yours, citizens of the kin-dom of God. Give us courage to be kin-dom builders here and now, showing mercy and grace in a world in deep need. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer...

(time of silent personal confession). **Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

***GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be.

World without end. Amen. Amen.

TIME WITH YOUNGER CHURCH

Janna Szeto

GOSPEL

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SERMON

Whose Is It Anyway?

Rev. Kristy Ray

†HYMN OF RESPONSE

#688 We Give Thee But Thine Own

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from Confession of 1967

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

ANTHEM

#559 Here I am, Lord

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God, all creatures here below
Praise God above, ye heavenly host
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP

#405 My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

You Are My Hiding Place

Ledner

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SPC

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
Thurs @ 10am

ZOOM THEOLOGY
Wednesday Nights 7pm

We will meet for an hour to discuss topics about how we think about God and the world around us.

Trunk or Treat - October 27th starting at 6pm. We are in need of candy, people to decorate trunks, support for our cub scouts and community.

NOMINATIONS FOR ELDER- Please prayerfully nominate elders for our work in the church

Brunch Sunday - November 15th

SUNDAY MORNINGS

FELLOWSHIP 9AM IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:20
WIRED WORD WITH AARON ROBERTS
STUDY OF CURRENT EVENTS
(IN PERSON AND ONLINE)



FOR ONLINE GIVING,
NEWSLETTER,
ZOOM THEOLOGY LINK

PRAYER LIST:

Members: Joyce Andrews, Joel Bryant, Edna Fisher, Carolyn Francis, Lee Hart, Faith Heffernan, Jason & Phyllis Howard Bob Johnson, Thelma Newsome, Stephanie Phillips-Ayoola, Sue Rogers & Family, Jane Rutledge, Sally Smith, Sandra Martin, Cathy & Joe Wegner, Collette Shedd, Emma Thompson, Joanne Donaldson, Shannon Huggins, Doug Scott, Randy Berndt, Cynthia Weekes, James Mobley.

Friends & Family: David Ayoola, Larry Clark, Kendall Phillips, Mark Stanley, Loan & Jack Szeto, Junior White, Melissa Gilbert (Stephanie's sister), Diane Ray, Joshua Beck, Ammon Grant Martin (Sandra Martin's grandson), June Moloney, Tom Smith, Vickie Loignon, Billie Anne, Marla Grizzel, Jim Ray, Christopher Graves, Sharon Kite, Izzy Pate, Donny Warr, Manny/Heather Gonzalez, Mac Cox, John Hugus, Mary Alice Bartlett (Stephanie's mom), Robbie Jones, Cade Grady, Shawn Scruggs, Lynne Bailey, Wharton sisters, Tony Romagnoli.

Bereavement: Henry Farmer (6/2026), Charles Dunn (6/28/26), Judy Simmons (9/2026), Twila Wharton (9/27/26)

Military: Chauncey Dixon (Army), La'Kayla Helms (Navy)

WE WOULD LOVE YOU TO BECOME PART OF THE STOCKBRIDGE CHURCH FAMILY, IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER, PLEASE SPEAK WITH PASTOR KRISTY.

REV. KRISTY RAY, PASTOR
OCTOBER HEAD ELDER: PAUL SZETO
CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR: KELLI AUTREY

MINISTERS: EVERYONE
ANDREA EMMEL, MUSIC DIRECTOR